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Herman KN5GRK Retires as LARC Editor

Hello Fellow Amateur Radio Operators, as most of you that have been reading the LARC newsletter over the last 11 years wondered how I became editor.

It all started back in the fall of 2005. At that time Al Oubre K5DPG was the editor along with his XYL Carolyn KA5IJU as co-editor at that time. Al's health was failing and I asked him if he would like for me to pick up the editor's position, (I had done a little newsletter for the Opelousas Amateur Radio Club for a couple of years and had a little experience) well, Al refused at that time and about a month later in November, he asked me to pick it up starting January 2006,

Al became a Silent Key on November 25, 2005. My first issue was January 2006 (only four pages) then. I have continued up until the present time, never missing a issue.

I have compiled the last eleven years of the LARC Newsletter into a DVD in Microsoft Publisher & Adobe Acrobat .PDF format and will make copies for sale at a nominal fee of \$5.00.

At the beginning of 2018, the LARC will be "paperless" meaning the hard copies that

were mailed out before 2018 will no longer be available due to expense and labor involved in getting them in the mail. The website for the LARC can be found at:

http://www.w5ddl.org/LARC/

I will continue being part of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. as long as possible as the AARA Public Information Officer and continue with my e-mail reflector service.

I would like to thank the following for their help in getting the hard copies to our readers through the "snail" mail, they are:

Ken Vallot KD5YWB with *Gulf South Printing & Specialties* for supplying 11"x17" paper and "crack & peel" paper for mailing labels.

The *Lafayette Salvation Army* for allowing our club to use their copy machine for newsletter and club flyers.

Joseph "Moe" Meaux, Jr. K2JDM will be the new LARC Editor beginning with his first issue in January 2018. I am sure you will give him your full support in continuing with one of the best amateur radio newsletters in the state. If you have any articles for the January 2018 issue, please contact Moe at:

idmeaux2002@gmail.com





de Herman Campbell KN5GRK.

December AARA Christmas Party

The December AARA Christmas Party will be held on Thursday December 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Golden Corral in the Private Room on

Ambassador Caffery.
This will be "**Dutch Treat**".

This will be a fellowship meeting - No business.

DOOR PRIZES - DOOR PRIZES - DOOR PRIZES -

No VE Testing



DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

December 7, 2017 @ 6:00 PM Golden Corral - Private Room Ambassador Caffery, Lafayette, LA No VE Testing

http://www/w5ddl.org/clubsite/

Local 2-Meter Nets Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM Repeater Rotation - See calendar on page 7

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net 7:00 PM

145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA **Wednesday**

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM 145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA EchoLink Node: 370324

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November 2nd Board Meeting Minutes

The AARA held a board meeting at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Eric Credeur KG5JHP, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Paula Romero KF5CNS, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Chris Ancelot N5MCY and Herman Campbell KN5GRK.

2018 Hamfest:

At this time we do not have a Hamfest Chairman, however Tom Dischler W5OHJ will again handle all monies and budget. Galen Wilson KF5BET will again handle table assignments. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP will be the liaison for getting vendors and dealers. Paula Romero KF5CNS and Jackie Wallace KF5PCH will handle the Sweet Shop. Catering and music is still unknown at this time.

AMOS Work Day

A date and time to store and update club inventory will be undertaken by Tom W5OHJ, Chris N5MCY, and Steve AF5VR.

QRZ Data Base / w5ddl.org

The club's call signs on QRZ and our club's *w5ddl.org* are currently under Roland Guidry's NA5Q personal password. Any updates to these call signs is only authorized by Roland. We are looking into getting away from Roland's personal information and using separate passwords.

LARC Newsletter

In order to cut down on expenses of having the 25 complementary newsletters printed and mailed out each month, the club will go "paperless" beginning January 2018. The LARC will be on line in Adobe .PDF format.

Joseph "Moe" Meaux, Jr. K2JDM will be the new LARC Editor beginning January 1, 2018.

Cajun Cup 10K Run

The Cajun Cup will be discussed in the General Meeting.

AARA Christmas Party

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Nominating Committee

Our club By-Laws state: ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS

Section 1. A nominating committee will be appointed by the President of the association at the November membership meeting each year and will consist of two (2) members of the Board of Directors and two (2) voting members in good standing from the general membership. The president will

President Eric Credeur KG5JHP appointed from volunteers the following:

designate the Chairperson.

Chairperson: Tom Dischler W5OHJ

Board Member: Paula Romero KF5CNS

Member: Herman Campbell KN5GRK

Member: Another member will be appointed later.

President Thumb Drive

Larry LeBlanc suggested the club purchase a thumb drive to give to the club president with all the club information. Instead of passing the "Gavel" to new President, we pass the "Thumb Drive".

Board Meeting ended at 6:40 PM

Minutes submitted by: Herman Campbell KN5GRK



From all the members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

NOVEMBER 2017 VE TEST SESSION

The session this evening was good, 4 in & 4 out with paper in hand.

The candidates

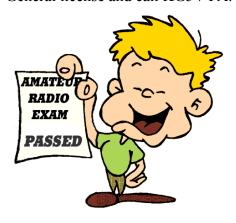
passing and receiving Tech were:

Steven M. Lazarus of Lafayette, LA received the call KG5VYC.

Thomas J. Collins of Lafayette, LA received the call KG5VYH.

Denis A. De Preist of Youngsville, LA received the call KG5VYB.

Douglas J. Aymond of Baton Rouge passed both the Tech & General license exam earning the General license and call KG5VYA.



The VE's for this session were: Greg ~ K5LFT, Bret ~ KE5IQU & Dave ~ N4ELM.

Thanks and congratulations to the new guys !!!!!!!

73, de Greg ~ K5LFT

The AARA would like to thank Greg K5LFT for all the work involved in putting these test sessions together during the year 2017.

REMEMBER - NO VE TEST-ING AT THE DECEMBER 7, 2017 AARA CHRISTMAS PARTY!

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

November 2nd, 2017 AARA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The November 2017 AARA General Meeting was called to order by President Eric Credeur KG5JHP at 7:00 PM.

- Tom W5OHJ gave the opening prayer.
- ◆ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Sandy KE5KJF recited the Pledge in Cajun French.
- Introduction of those passing their VE exams, new members and guests.
- Minutes: The October 2017 minutes were submitted by Herman KN5GRK, and were posted in the November LARC. The minutes were accepted on motion of Danny KD5JSM and seconded by Al KE5UPM and passed by membership.
- ◆ Introduction of those passing VE exam and visitors.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report: Tom Dischler W5OHJ gave the October treasurer report. On motion by Moe K2JDM and seconded by Sandy KE5KJF, the report was passed by membership. While the Financial Report is not published in the LARC, any member may contact Tom Dischler W5OHJ, to request a copy.

Programs

Ham Shack Presentations: Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD had asked in a previous e-mail) for members to submit pictures and equipment descriptions of their ham shack to him for viewing at this and other meetings to give members and guests a idea of what some of our local ham radio stations look like. The first station setup submitted was Paul Scallion K5VSH, second was John Woods KG5FMP, third was Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, fourth was Roland Guidry NA5Q, fifth was Chris Ancelot N5MCY, and the sixth was Barrett Oge KG5SSO.

KG5PUL Interview: Caine Richard KG5PUL of Carencro, LA has been helping in the Puerto Rico hurricane relief by shuttling supplies between Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Puerto Rico aboard the 280 ft oil supply vessel *Ram Nation*. Caine is the Captain and is a member of Region 4 ARES and Sky-Warn in Lafavette Parish. He operates

KG5PUL/MM on a 20 meter schedule on 14.239 between 1200 - 1230 hrs plus/minus QRM Central time during the week when he is on the job. Caine gave a description of what they have been doing and conditions down in Puerto Rico. Check out his QRZ page or Google "Ram Nation" for nice photos

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A few of the Region 4 ARES group made contact with Caine aboard the ship and exchanged WX reports and conditions from Puerto Rico.

Club Dues: Now is the time to consider paying your 2018 AARA dues.

Cajun Cup 10K Run: At this time we have not received a volunteer to chair this event and may have to consider canceling this event. Tom W5OHJ gave a description of duties and what is involved in participation in this event. We did get a few possible volunteers.

Club Secretary: Ramona KG5HNO will remain as the Club Secretary until election time, Herman KN5GRK will assist her.

Tour du Teche Update: Sandy KE5KJF gave a report on the event which had to be cancelled about halfway into the event due to severe weather.

Louisiana 2017 SET Update: Glen KF5FNP gave a report on how the Region 4 did on the Simulated Emergency Test held on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Louisiana Section Manager Election Update: Keith W5KB stated that the ARRL Louisiana Section Manager is at this time

taking nominations for this position. Keith has a petition to be signed to nominate John Mark Robinson, K5JMR who is now the Louisiana Emergency Coordinator as a candidate for this position.

A motion was made by Joseph "Moe" Meaux K2JDM to adjourn the meeting, all approved and the meeting ended at 8:06 PM with 22 persons signing in the roster.

Minutes submitted by: Herman Campbell KN5GRK

"Fence" your Vertical Ground Plane By Larry Leblanc - KE5KJD

Here is a great way to transform a good vertical setup into a **GREAT** vertical. Most new hams do not take the time to add sufficient radials to their vertical antenna to make it a top performer. Here is a neat way to upgrade your existing vertical to make up for taking short cuts to get on the air. This will work even with installed ground radials. The secret? Purchase inexpensive vinyl covered fencing to lay on the ground around your verticals. It comes in 50 foot lengths and four feet wide. See Figure 1. It has welded joints, perfect for grounds. It uses 14 gauge wire with 2" by 4" spacing. This is equivalent to about 900 feet of wire. The wire is galvanized and coated with vinyl which will last for many years in the ground. To connect the fencing to your vertical can be done by scraping off the vinyl at a junction of the wires, soldering a copper wire (AWG #14 or #12) at the junction, then coating the soldered connection with electrical liquid rubber, including the adjacent vinyl to make a waterproof connection. See Figure 2 and Figure 3. Attach the soldered wire to the existing vertical grounding point. You can make multiple wire connections for reliability in case any of the connections are broken.

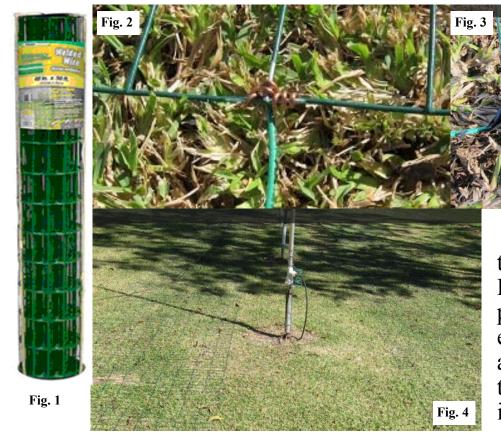
If you already have ground radials, you can use two parallel runs of the fencing about 2 feet away from the vertical. If this is a new installation, you can lay one or two runs of fencing with the vertical placed in the center. See Figure 4.

Before laying the fencing on the ground, run your mower over the installation space and scalp the grass as close to ground level as you can. Use 4 to 6 inches of "hairpins" (U shaped wire of 17 gauge or larger) every few feet to hold the fencing grid as close to the ground as possible. In a couple of months, the grass will grow and hide all the fencing. Mow the grass at a higher level until the fencing is completely covered, then mow as normal.

Total cost of the upgrade is about \$60 with one roll of fencing and about \$120 with two rolls. If you only have one vertical to upgrade, the fencing can be put down in the form of an "X". The angle of the "X" is not critical.

How does it work? **GREAT!!** The dense wires create a capacitive connection to the ground, making it more effective than sparse radials. The existing radials continue to do their share of the work. In my case, I got about a 3 db improvement on my 80/40 vertical and a noticeable improvement on the Hustler six band antenna which already had 100 radials installed 10 years ago with some losses with cut wires for cable installs, rusting of galvanized wires and aluminum wires.

If you plan to try this on your existing vertical, be prepared to retune your antenna for optimum SWR. Especially if you start with a minimal ground installation.



Our THANKS go out to Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD for all the nice presentations at our General Meetings and for the articles he has submitted to our LARC newsletters in the past.



MARA Christmas Hamfest 2017

Date: December 16, 2017 Location: Minden City Hall 520 Broadway St. Minden, LA.

Time: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Main Prize drawing held
approximately 2:00 PM.

Door prizes being drawn
periodically during the day.

Talk-În: 147.300 PL186.2 (NLA Link System)

Swap Tables: \$10 per table

Tickets: Entrance tickets are \$5 each (includes 1 prize ticket), available at door at the hamfest.

Prize tickets for the drawings are available at door or from club members and are priced: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

Tickets may be obtained from any member or contact Fran, KD5LKB, or Jerry, W5JLH (email addresses at 'Contact Us' on main menu strip, top of page).

VE Testing: Registration for testing - 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM.

ARRL Forum: 11:30 AM—12:30 PM.

Prizes:

1st - Icom IC-7300 2nd - ID-4100A is a D-Star mobile 3rd - FT-2980 VHF Mobile 2nd & 3rd Prizes - (MUST be present to win.)

Vendors:

Main Trading Company
Furnishing our prize radios

The SignMan of Baton Rouge

Credit cards may be processed this year for payment of entry and prize tickets.

http://www.n5rd.org/activity.htm



37TH Annual Hammond Hamfest

Saturday, January 20, 2018 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

PENNINGTON STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER
1350 North General Pershing Street
Hammond, Louisiana

Location: CAMPUS OF SOUTHEASTERN LA UNIVERSITY AT IN-TERSECTION OF UNIVERSITY AVENUE & NORTH GENERAL PERSHING STREET (Take Exit 32 from I-55, Go East 1.5 Miles on University Avenue to North General Pershing Street)

FREE Parking -- FREE Admission*** Main Prize Drawings ***

Main Prize Drawing at 1:30 pm

- ♦ Also Hourly Prize Drawings *
- Hourly Prize Drawings

For more Info Contact:

Tyrone Burns N5XES n5xes@arrl.net

VE Test Session

8:00 am: Testing Begins - Test Fee \$15 cash, photo ID, copy of license or CSCE

Testing Begins Promptly at 8:00 am

TYRONE BURNS VE Liaison, n5xes@arrl.net

Forums:

ARRL, LCARC MARS, ARES/RACES SkyWarn, NWS

*** Main Prize Drawings *** Grand Prize

Yaesu FT-891 HF Transceiver - HF and 6 Meters, All-mode Transceiver, 100W (25W AM)

Second Prize

MFJ-266C Antenna Analyzer

Covers All Ham Bands including 220 MHz

Third Prize

Shark RF Open Hotspot

Stand-alone Digital Radio IP Gateway, Supports DMR, D-Star, System Fusion Networks

Fourth Prize

Yaesu FT-3200DR Fusion Radio

Covers 2 Meter Mobile, 65 Watt C4FM/FM Xcvr, 220 Channel Memory

* Also Hourly Prize Drawings *

SELARC Repeaters

147.000 (-600) WB5NET PL 107.2

145.130 (-600) WB5NET PL 107.2

444.250 (+5) WB5NET PL 107.2

Website:

http://www.selarc.org/selarchamfest.htm



Joseph "JC" Bienvenu WO5G - Silent Key



St. Martinville - A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:30 am on Monday, November 13, 2017, at St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church in St. Martinville for Joseph "JC" Clairville Bienvenu, 70, who passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at Landmark of Acadiana Nursing Home.

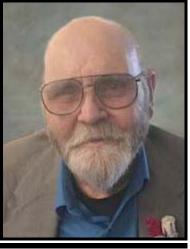
A lifelong resident of St. Martinville, Joseph was known to friends and family as "JC". For many years, JC was an active HAM & CB operator in the Acadiana area. He enjoyed the great camaraderie and friendship among the radio community appearing at many of the amateur radio hamfests, field day and other amateur radio social events. A long time member and trustee of the Acadiana DX Association K5BLV call sign.

JC was a devout Catholic and a loving Christian. He particularly enjoyed the rosary and he shared daily recitations with his fellow residents at Landmark of Acadiana Nursing Home community. He also enjoyed making hand-knotted rosaries, which he donated to

hospital patients and friends. He was an avid Right to Life advocate, and he actively participated in Right to Life Missions.

A talented organist and pianist, JC enjoyed playing for others. He was also an active participant in the Face Book community, where he enjoyed many online friends. But more than anything, JC loved people. He considered all strangers as friends he simply hadn't yet met. He often stated, "I don't know what it is about me, but people love me..." and he was right!

He will be greatly missed by all that knew him!





Cajun Cup Volunteers: (left to right) Bob Cooley K5IVR, Priscilla Cooley K5PCL, Keith Barnes W5KB, Debby Barnes KE5UTC, Barrett Oge KG5SSO, Cheryl Perret KG5SIS, Galen Wilson KF5BET, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, and Abbi Wilson KF5BEW. Not shown are Eric Credeur KG5JHP behind the camera.

Race results can be found at:

https://cajunroadrunners.com/results/

CAJUN CUP 10K RUN UPDATE

The race kicked off on Saturday November 11, 2017 at 8:05 AM. Our volunteers met at 7:00 AM downtown Lafayette for coffee and donuts before receiving their free "T" shirts and then going to their designated check points.

The WX was really nice, a little chilly in the morning but warming up quite nice as the morning continued with clear skies.

One of our volunteers Keith W5KB, has a accident when his motorcycle fell and injured his leg and needed to be rushed to the hospital. That was the only incident of the day from what I understand.

After the race finished, all volunteers were invited to downtown Lafayette to sample the free food and festivities that normally takes place after the race at *Parc Sans Souci* 201 E Vermilion St, Lafayette, LA 70501.

NOVEMBER 2017 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	38	1 listed 0 pased	82	KE5HSY Linda
Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net	4	39	Ø	118	KN5GRK Herman
Silent Key Memorial Net	5	50	Ø	74	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Thursday Night Net	4	35	Ø	112	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.

Reba McEntire

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Linda Breaux KE5HSY is retiring as the AARA Monday Night 2 Met Net manager and will be replaced by Paul McCasland N5KNY.

Beginning January 2018, the net will not be rotating between repeaters but the Net Control Operators will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

During 2018, if you check into the net you will receive one (1) point, if you stay for the 73 round, you will receive an extra point for a total of two (2). At the end of 2018, persons with the top score will receive a nice prize from the club, in case of a tie, a drawing will be held to chose a winner.

In case of a repeater failure, the alternate repeater will be the 147.040 W5EXI repeater.

The December 2017 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:	NCS
12/04/2017	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5	Danny KD5JSM
12/11/2017	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5	Paul N5KNY
12/18/2017	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5	Eric KG5JHP
12/25/2017	NO NET	CHRISTMAS	_	_

REGION 4 ARES / SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 ARES / SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. Net Control Operators will alternate each week. You do not have to be a ARES member to participate. In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The December schedule can be found at this link:

http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

12/04	DEMIAN	W6DLN
12/09	ROLAND	NA5Q
12/11	PATRICK	ND5C
12/11	RAY	KG5QKH
12/19	CARL	KE5SAE
12/20	BARRETT	KG5SSO
12/21	JIMMIE	N8OVD
12/22	GERARD	KD5VPC
12/29	RANDY	N5MLJ
1/01	NICK	K5QXJ
1/02	BARBARA	N5AUO
1/03	\mathbf{AL}	KE5UPM

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

TIME TO PAY YOUR 2018 AARA DUES

Go to the *w5ddl.org* website, click on the "Membership Application" link, print and fill out the form and mail check to the address on the application.

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Share the Fun -Bring a Friend to be a HAM!





AARA Christmas Party
Thursday Dec. 7 @ 6:00 PM
Golden Corral - Private Room
No VE Testing

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

Join our "Lunch Bunch" each Wednesday around noon at the Golden Corral on Ambassa-

COMPLIMENTARY ISSUE



Skillet Pork Chops with Apples & Onion Recipe

https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/skillet-pork-chops-with-apples---onion

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless pork loin chops (6 ounces each)
- 3 medium apples, cut into wedges
- 1 large onion, cut into thin wedges
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinaigrette
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions:

Place a large nonstick skillet over medium heat; brown pork chops on both sides, about 4 minutes. Remove from pan.

In same skillet, combine apples, onion and water. Place pork chops over apple mixture; drizzle chops with vinaigrette. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 3-5 minutes or until a thermometer inserted in chops reads 145°. Yield: 4 servings.



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission,

445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554